

Delaware Early Learner Survey Connection to Kindergarten English Learner Identification Screening Process

The DDOE has clearly defined entrance criteria and is refining its statewide programmatic procedures for recognizing English learners joining kindergarten through grade 12. Currently, all kindergarten students are surveyed upon registration using the Delaware Department of Education *Home-Language Survey form*. Please read below on more information on how the information on the DDOE *Home Language Survey form* can apply to the Delaware Early Learner Survey *GOLD®* “Home Language Survey” online.

Step 1: Delaware Department of Education *Home-Language Survey form*

- Upon ongoing enrollment of any student, the school administers the statewide home-language survey.
 - **DE-ELS connection:** This process is initiated by the school, not the teacher. A copy of this *Home-Language Survey form* remains in every child’s cumulative folder.
 - **DE-ELS in practice suggestion:** Access this document to answer Questions A and B of the *GOLD®* “Home Language Survey” online. *GOLD®* “Home Language Survey” online Questions C and D are observable in your classroom.
 - **DE-ELS connection:** If questions A-C indicates a language other than English, students will need to have Delaware Early Learner Objectives 37 and 38: English Language Acquisition completed.
- If a language other than English or non-US English is indicated in questions 1-3 on the DDOE *Home-Language Survey form*, the school initiates the standardized identification screening process.
 - **DE-ELS in practice suggestion:** Schools can copy this form and distribute to kindergarten teacher if a language other than English is indicated on questions 1-3 and the screening process is initiated.

For further information on the general next steps in the standardized Identification Screening Process and administering WIDA Screener, Kindergarten MODEL assessment or DE Alt. EL Identification Protocol please:

- Contact your district/charter office English learner coordinator, OR
- Visit the Delaware Department of Education website
 - Click “Supports” tab →
 - Click “Federal and State Programs” tab →
 - Click “Title III - Language Instruction for Limited English Proficient and Immigrant Students” link.

Delaware Department of Education Home Language Survey

Date: _____

School: _____

The Delaware Department of Education requires schools to determine the language(s) spoken at home by each student. The information provided will only be used to determine whether your student is eligible to begin the English as a Second Language process and will not be used for immigration matters or reported to immigration authorities.

Student Information

First Name: _____

Country of birth: _____

Last Name: _____

Date of entry in the US: _____

Birthdate: _____

Date student first enrolled in a US school: _____

Circle grades your child attended in US schools

PK K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

How many total months has the student been enrolled in a US school? _____

1. What language did your child first learn?

Language: _____ | Dialect: _____

2. What language does your child most often use at home?

Language: _____ | Dialect: _____

3. What languages do you most often speak to your child?

Language: _____ | Dialect: _____

4. What language would you prefer to receive information from your school?

Language: _____ | Dialect: _____

Parent Name

Parent Signature

Date

LEA : Please have all families complete this home language survey at the student's initial enrollment in school. This form must be signed and dated by the parent or guardian and will be kept in the student's file. (If a language other than English or Non-US English is listed on questions 1-3, the LEA must continue with a records review, step 2 of the English learner identification process.)